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RE: Annual Report of Hargray Wireless, LLC
as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Mr. Terreni:

This firm represents Hargray Wireless, LLC. Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of the above-referenced document. Please accept these documents for filing and acknowledge your receipt of same by returning a copy of this letter to me, bearing your file-stamp, via our courier.

Please be advised that the material attached to Exhibit 1 referenced in paragraph 7(a) of this Annual Report has been marked as "Confidential Information" and is being submitted under seal in a separate envelope marked "confidential" in accordance with Commission Order No.2005-226 issued in Docket No. 2005-83-A and dated May 6, 2005. A redacted version of this material is included as required by Order No. 2005-226. Hargray Wireless, LLC, hereby requests that the material designated as "Confidential Information" and enclosed in the separate envelope marked "confidential" be exempted from public disclosure in accordance with 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. R.103-804.Y(2)(Supp. 2007). The basis for this request is the same as that submitted to, and found to be appropriate by, the Commission in its Order No. 2006-415 in Docket No. 2003-227-C issued July 24, 2006. I have consulted with counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff regarding this request and she has indicated that her client does not oppose same.

Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni

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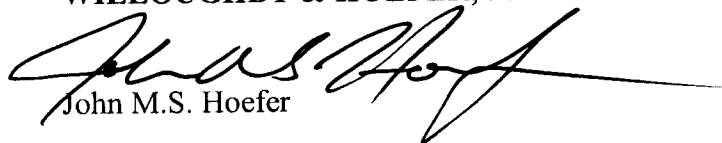
By copy of this letter, we are providing a copy this filing to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"). In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-55(C)(Supp. 2007), the "Confidential Information" referenced in the preceding paragraph is being provided to ORS under seal and designated as "confidential or proprietary" information and therefore exempt from public disclosure by that agency as well.

✓ Based upon the foregoing documentation, Hargray Wireless, LLC submits that it is in compliance with federal and state regulations and rules and respectfully requests that the Commission so notify the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company by October 1, 2008, so that federal support for Hargray Wireless, LLC, for the upcoming fiscal year will be ensured as contemplated by proposed Commission Regulation 103-690.1.B.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.


John M.S. Hoefer

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable C. Dukes Scott
Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire

***ANNUAL REPORT OF ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
HARGRAY WIRELESS, LLC, FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007***

1. **Applicability** –Because Hargray Wireless, LLC, (“Hargray”) was designated an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) by Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) Order No. 2007-804, Docket No. 2003-227-C, November 14, 2007, it is making this annual report (1) pursuant to the requirement for same set out in said Order and (2) in accordance with the provisions of proposed Commission Regulation 103-690.1.

2. **Reporting Period** – This Annual Report covers the period November 14, 2007, through December 31, 2007. Inasmuch as Hargray did not obtain its ETC designation until November 14, 2007, there is no twelve month period for which a report may be made.

3. **Service Commitment** – Hargray commits to comply with Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service as of May 18, 2008.

4. **Trouble Reports** – See Item 7(d), below.

5. **Held Applications** – See Item 7(c), below.

6. **Interruption of Service** – See Item 7(b), below.

7. Information required by 103-690.1.B.b

a. Two year service quality improvement plan

Hargray did not receive its ETC designation until November 14, 2007, and the first installment of high cost support payments from USAC was not received until June 30, 2008. As a result, Hargray has not yet begun construction of improvements. As discussed in Exhibit 1, Hargray is updating its forward-looking two year plan.

b. Outage information

There were no outages during the reporting period.

c. Unfulfilled service requests

There were no unfulfilled service requests from potential customers in the ETC Area approved in Order No. 2007-804 for the period November 14, 2007, through December 31, 2007. No applications for new service

were held over 30 days. All commitments for service were fulfilled.

d. Trouble reports

The number of actual customer trouble reports received per one hundred handsets was “0” during the reporting period. The number of complaints or trouble reports per thousand handsets during the reporting period was “0”.

e. CTIA consumer code certification

Hargray certifies that it is complying with Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service.

f. Function in emergency situations

Hargray certifies that it is able to function in an emergency situation. A detailed report regarding Hargray’s ability to address emergency situations is attached as Exhibit 2.

g. Comparable local usage plan certification

Hargray certifies that it is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant service areas.

h. Potential FCC equal access requirement certification

Hargray certifies that it is aware that the Federal Communications Commission may require that Hargray provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the Hargray ETC designated area.

i. Lifeline and Linkup customer count

As of December 31, 2007, Hargray did not serve any Lifeline or Linkup customers.

j. Lifeline verification or certification

This section is not applicable as Hargray did not obtain ETC designation until November 14, 2007.

[CERTIFICATION PAGE ATTACHED]

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the factual information set forth herein, and in the attachments hereto, is true and accurate except as to matters stated upon information and belief and, as to same, I believe them to be true and accurate.

Cricket Communications, Inc.,
as sole Member/Manager of Hargray Wireless, LLC


Name

Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Title

August 1, 2008
Date

EXHIBIT 1

On April 1, 2007, Hargray Communications Group, Inc. transferred its membership interests in Hargray Wireless, LLC, to Cricket Communications, Inc., Hargray Wireless, LLC, received no distributions from the federal Universal Service Fund until June 30, 2008. Accordingly, Hargray Wireless, LLC, has not yet undertaken efforts to execute its plan for improvements to be made with the federal high cost support funds. Subsequent to the transaction, Hargray Wireless, LLC, has been able to draw upon the substantial expertise of Cricket Communications, Inc. in designing and operating wireless communications systems such that Hargray Wireless, LLC, has now made substantial modifications to its plan which will provide for a more efficient method of expanding coverage in the designated area. A copy of the current, forward-looking two year plan is attached as Appendix A. On or about October 1, 2008, Hargray Wireless, LLC, will commence doing business as "Cricket Wireless".

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APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT 1

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EXHIBIT 2

All mobile switching centers and cell sites have battery backup power. Also, each switching center has a dedicated diesel generator and there are several cell site generators in the market area. In instances of power outages, priority is set based upon traffic, cell site location and time of day. In certain parts of the service area, a cell on wheels (COW) can be deployed. In case of a total switch outage, a mobile command center may be established by each switch vendor.